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Docket No.: 31141/40350
(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of: Johnson et al.

Application No.: 09/485,512

Group Art Unit: 1648

Filed: May 5, 2000

Examiner: U. Winkler

For: RECOMBINANT PORCINE ADENOVIRUS
VECTOR

STATUS INQUIRY

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Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

Applicants are writing to enquire as to the status of the above-referenced application. This application was involved in a patent interference No. 105,358.

On July 28, 2006, applicants were mailed a notice from the Examiner that *ex parte* prosecution in the instant application is suspended for a period of **6 months** from the mailing date of the notice pending resolution of an interference in which the instant application was involved. The notice from the Examiner advised that applicants should make an inquiry as to the status of the application upon expiration of the period of suspension. The period of suspension expired January 28, 2007.

On August 9, 2006, applicants were mailed a decision of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interference in which Judgment for Priority was awarded in favor of the applicants of the instant application. The PAIR docket shows that the Board forwarded the record of the interference to the instant file on August 9, 2006.

Pursuant to the instruction in the August 28, 2006 notice from the Examiner, the applicants hereby note that no further communication has been received and write to

inquire as to the status of the application.

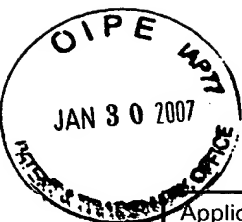
Applicants respectfully request an early allowance of the application. If there are any questions relating to this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative.

Dated: January 30, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

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